

Winter 2009

Welcome to the Poudre Canyon Group's first E-newsletter!

In an attempt to eliminate waste, the Executive Committee has decided to embark on a campaign in 2009 to GO ELECTRONIC and we hope that you enjoy receiving news from us more regularly!

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1. Upcoming Events

March 10, 2009 (Tuesday) - "Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness" and General Member Meeting.

In addition to our regular business, we will be given a screening of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance presentation "Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness". This is a multi-media slideshow documenting citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This 15-minute journey through redrock splendor invigorates and motivates viewers to participate in the movement to protect these unique lands. "Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness" was made possible through the generous donation of photos, music and words from concerned Utahans who wish to pass this heritage onto future generations, including narration by Robert Redford. In conjunction with a presentation on the current status of the Utah wilderness movement by Barbara Eubanks, Western Regional Organizer for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, this inspirational and informational event is a must see for people wishing to become personally involved to make the difference in this tremendous American public lands conservation effort. 7pm. Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr (west of Shields just north of Drake).

March 11, 2009 (Wednesday) - Save the Poudre Film Showing: "Red Gold".

The Save the Poudre Coalition will host a film and silent auction benefit on Wednesday, March 11th at New Belgium Brewery, 500 Linden Street, Fort Collins. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the show will start at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Mountain Shop 172 N. College, St. Peter's Fly Shop 202 Remington, and Outpost Sunsport 931 E. Harmony. Seating is limited so purchase tickets early. Red Gold is a great new documentary film that follows the world's largest run of sockeye salmon as they travel from the tidal basins of Bristol Bay Alaska to their spawning

Watch the trailer by [clicking here or on the image below:](#)

grounds near the largest proposed gold and copper mine in North America. Revealing the beautiful scenery of the pristine watershed, the film tells the story of the commercial, sport, and subsistence fishermen who may be impacted by the proposed mine.

Red Gold



March 11-13 and 23-25, 2009 (Wed-Fri and Mon-Wed) - March Appeal Phone Bank.

Hey Poudre Canyon Group Members!

Please join us for our annual **March Appeal phone bank** AND be rewarded with pizza, beer/pop, and a free **shoulder massage or spinal adjustment** from local chiropractor Dr Patti Headley.

Dates & Times:	Location:
Wed 3/11 6-8:30pm	Mark Hanson Law Office
Thu 3/12 7-9pm	419 W Oak St, Ft Collins
Fri 3/13 6-8:30pm	(3 blocks west of College
Mon 3/23 6-8:30pm	Ave, 3 blocks north of
Tue 3/24 6-8:30pm	Mulberry)
Wed 3/25 6-8:30pm	

What is it?

Simple calls to our friendly local Sierra Club members informing of upcoming events and local election information and signing up for e-newsletters and donation pledges to support Saving the Poudre and other local conservation campaigns. No experience necessary, simple script provided, **easy easy easy!**

Please RSVP asap to Abiah Shaffer at abiah.shaffer@rmc.sierraclub.org.



March 17, 2009 (Monday) - Monthly Leadership Meeting.

Join our Executive Committee and other group leaders to discuss and plan Conservation, Membership, Fundraising, Communications and Political activities. Open to all members. 7-9pm. Will Walters' house, 1701 Tanglewood Dr (near Drake & Lemay). Contact: Will Walters 970-690-3543. Check our web site for location changes.

April 11, 2009 (Saturday) - Rocky Mountain Chapter Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting.

The Poudre Canyon Group hosts the quarterly meeting of Sierra Club leaders from around the state. Please call or email Mark Easter to volunteer to help with food, set-up, or overnight

accommodations. Meeting to be held in the River Rock Cohousing community "Common House" at 520 N Sherwood St, #35 8am-5pm.

April 20, 2009 (Monday) - Monthly Leadership Meeting.

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2. 2008 Wrap-Up

2008 was a very successful year for the PCG and thanks to the hard work of local volunteers, we are able to share the following success stories with you:

- Of the nine (9) candidates appearing on ballots in the PCG area who the Club endorsed, six (6) were elected to office. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered in many of the local, state, and national campaigns and participated in the candidate meet-n-greet forum! **Congratulations to US Senator Mark Udall; US House Representative, District 4 - Betsy Markey; State Senator, District 14 - Bob Bacon; State Representatives: District 53 - Randy Fischer; District 52 - John Kefalas; and District 50 - Jim Riesberg.**
- PCG provided major leadership for the Save the Poudre Coalition campaign to stop Glade Reservoir and to provide alternatives as described in the "Healthy Rivers Alternative". We helped turn out about 800 citizens at the public hearings and provided extensive science-based comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement opposing the Northern Irrigated Supply Project (NISP). Please visit the Save the Poudre website at www.savethepoudre.org for updates on NISP and our efforts to protect the Poudre River!
- A member meeting was conducted to discuss the proposed uranium mine and issues surrounding this issue. Last year, the Governor signed a bill co-sponsored by local legislators Randy Fischer, John Kefalas, Bob Bacon, and Steve Johnson to protect our water quality from pollution from uranium mining. This year the state will develop the regulations to implement the new law. The Sierra Club will monitor and comment on these important rules as they are released for public comment. For more information, please visit [Coloradans Against Resource Destruction](http://www.nunnglow.com) at www.nunnglow.com.
- Members provided testimony to the Fort Collins City Council on the proposed Climate Change Plan. To learn more about the proposal and the direction Fort Collins is heading in, please visit: <http://www.ci.fort-collins.co.us/climateprotection>.

In addition, here are some of the things on tap for 2009:

- **Save the Poudre:** The STP Coalition of which PCG is a member, will continue to protect the Poudre River from additional water diversions and will work to establish an "instream flow" program to permanently restore flows to the river. STP will also be publicizing

their "Healthy Rivers Alternatives" to NISP participating communities and statewide environmental and water agencies. The coalition will also continue to monitor the NISP draft EIS and send out action alerts as the EIS is reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

- **Monthly Speakers Series**: The PCG is in the process of developing a monthly speaker series. This is a great opportunity to learn about the exciting things happening in and around our community with respect to climate change and to meet new members. If you would like to recommend a topic or speaker for the series, please e-mail Kerry Miller at 7kmiller@gmail.com.

Monthly Leadership Meetings: As always, our membership is invited to attend the PCG Executive Committee meetings, which are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 PM, usually in Fort Collins at the home of one of our members. Sometimes, we meet earlier for a potluck social. Our meeting place changes monthly, so please check our website for up to date locations.

Thank you, again, for being a part of the Sierra Club. We hope you will become actively involved in the Poudre Canyon Group!